Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia May 28th 1866

Hon. Hugh McCulloch

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir

I have the honor to forward to you for selection and approval, Specimens of the five cent piece, the coinage of which has been recently authorized.

No 1— OBVERSE,— the "Union Shield resting on tied arrows, peace" &c. Motto, "In God we trust" and date.
REVERSE,— 13 Stars set in rays, U. S. of America and figure &c. "5 cents."

A neat and unique design, and differs from the devices on all of our other coinage. This specimen is in my opinion before all the others in artistic beauty, significancy, and diversity. I would respectfully recommend its adoption.

No. 2— OBVERSE.— "Head of Washington," Motto, "In God we trust," and date &c.
REVERSE— same as No. 1.; a neat and elegant design.

No. 3.— OBVERSE— "Head of Washington"

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U. S. of America and date.
Reverse — Wreath and figure &c. 5 cents.
No. 4. Obverse — "Head of Washington," motto,
"In God we trust, and date.
Reverse. Wreath and figure "5."

The above are respectfully submitted for your consideration. Be pleased to notify me of your decision as early as convenient, so that the dies may be prepared for the coinage of the specimen selected.

Orders are daily received for the coin, and we propose with your approval to issue them in the manner, and upon the terms the one, two, and three cent coins are now distributed; except that the amount of these coins sent free by Railroad &c. shall not be less than $50.

Very respectfully

J. Ross Snowden
Director